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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

May 2026

as

MS Awareness Month

WHEREAS; Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 1 in 400 Canadians and approximately 90,000 across the country; and

WHEREAS; Multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and

WHEREAS; MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and

WHEREAS; MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and

WHEREAS; Annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A & W Canada's Burgers to Beat MS campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and help support MS research in Canada; and

WHEREAS; Since 1948, MS Canada has provided over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and

THEREFORE, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2026** to be "**MS Awareness Month**"

Alex Nuttall,
Mayor